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For: ENDOGLUCANASE STCE AND CELLULASE PREPARATION CONTAINING THE
SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated October 18, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elects Group I, claims 1-6 and 16-18 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

The present application is not a U.S. national application, but is a national stage application derived from an international (PCT) application. Therefore, the present application is subject to unity of invention practice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.475 and 1.499.

According to the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (available from <http://www.wipo.int/pct/cn/texts/gdlines.htm>), protein X, and a DNA encoding the protein X share a corresponding technical feature, and thus, the protein X and the DNA have unity of

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invention (see Chapter 10 Unity of Invention, 10.59 Example 39). In addition, unity of invention was not denied in the Written Opinion of the International Search Authority.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 7-15 and 19-28.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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